K. HEN. No. I am a Welshman.
PIST. Knowest thou Fluellen ?
K. HEN. Yes.
PIST. Tell him. I'll knock his leek about his pate,
Upon Saint Davy's day.
K. HEN. Do not you wear your dagger in your
cap that day, lest he knock that about yours.
PIST. Art thou his friend ?
K. HEN. And his kinsman too.
PIST. The fico for thee then !
K. HEN. I thank you: God be with you !
PIST. My name is Pistol called.

[Exit.
K. HEN. It sorts[9] well with your fierceness.

Enter FLUELLEN *and* GOWER *severally.*

Gow. Captain Fluellen !
FLU. So ! in the name of Cheshu Christ, speak
lower[1]. It is the greatest admiration in the uni-

9 It SORTS — i. e. it *agrees*. So, in Chapman's version of the 17th book of the Odyssey :
" His faire long lance well *sorting* with his hand."
STEEVENS.

1 — speak LOWER.] The earliest of the quartos reads — "speak *lewer*" which in that of 1608 is made *lower*. The alterations made in the several quartos, and in all the folios that succeeded the first, by the various printers or correctors through whose hands they passed, carry with them no authority whatsoever: yet here the correction *happens* I think to be right. The editors of the folio read — "speak *lower*." I have no doubt that in their MS. (for this play they evidently printed from a MS. which was not the case in some others,) the word by the carelessness of the transcriber was *lewer* (as in that copy from which the quarto was printed,) and that in order to obtain some sense, they changed this to *lower*. Fluellen could not with any propriety call on Gower to speak *fewer*, he not having uttered a word except "Captain Fluellen!" Meeting Fluellen late at night, and not being certain who he was,

he merely pronounced Ms name. Having addressed him in too high a key the Welsh-man reprimands him ; and Gower justifies himself by saying that the enemy spoke so *loud,* that the English could hear them all